

West Carleton Minor Hockey Ice Time Policy



Competitive Crusaders Program

Category 1 (U10, U11)

Under Hockey Canada Pathway Programs

- All players play on equal rotations for the entire season, including tournaments. (aka "Next Player Up").
- Coaches are expected to follow Hockey Canada's Pathway Programs.
 - Game/Practice Ratio
 - Rotation of Positions
 - General Development Program
- All Players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season, including tournaments.
- Coaches are given the last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
- Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.
- Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season.

Category 2 (U12, U13)

- Phase 1 - Start of regular play to regular end of regular season, including tournaments.
 - All players play on equal rotations for the entire season (aka "Next Player Up") for phase 1
 - All Players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season.
 - Coaches are given the last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
 - Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.

- Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season
- Phase 2 - Playoffs and including tournaments.
 - Same as Phase 1 with the following exceptions
 - Coaches are given the last 3 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit
 - Goaltenders are each given 1 start per playoff series then coach can adjust as he sees fit
 - Total player ice time variance cannot exceed 10% (by Position)

Category 3 (U14, U15, U16, U18)

- Phase 1 - Start of regular play to February 1st, including tournaments.
 - All players play on equal rotations for the entire season (aka "Next Player Up") for phase 1
 - All Players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season.
 - Coaches are given last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
 - Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.
 - Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season
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- Phase 2 – February 1st to Seasons End, including tournaments.
 - Same as Phase 1 with following exceptions
 - Coaches can establish specialty teams PROVIDED ALL PLAYERS have a role on either or both teams. Coaches NEED to consider how many shifts it takes to get back to a normal rotation if specialty teams are drawn from different lines or Defensive pairings.
 - Coaches are given the last 3 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit
 - Goaltenders are each given 1 start per playoff series then coach can adjust as he sees fit (Playoffs)
 - Total player ice time variance cannot exceed 10% (by Position)

Warriors Recreational Program



Category 1 (U9, U11, U13, U15, U18)

- All players play on equal rotations for the entire season, including tournaments. (aka "Next Player Up").
- Coaches are expected to follow Hockey Canada's Pathway Programs (U9, U11).
 - Game/Practice Ratio
 - Rotation of Positions
 - General Development Program
- All players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season.
- Coaches are given the last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
- Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.
- Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season.

Allowed Variances

The variance could exceed 5 or 10% in Phase 1 & 2 due to:

- Benching for Player Accountability
- Players disregarding the coaching staff instructions
 - Examples, lengthy ice shifts, undisciplined penalties, selfish behavior, lack of passing, etc...
- Injuries or Illness
- Equipment issues
- Penalties
- Suspensions
- Under no circumstances are players to be benched if they are deemed a liability. Teams are selected at tryouts/sort-outs.

Communication Process

- Please communicate with the player effectively on what they are doing incorrectly and what is the expected behavior
- If the behavior continues, please issue a verbal warning that a shift will be lost
- Anything requiring a full period of benching, should involve the parents so they are aware and supportive of the coach's message.

Ice Time Policy Issue Resolution Steps

1. Encourage players to speak directly to coach and work with coach to resolve issues: no PP or PK time, ice time impacted without explanation, greater than 5 or 10% variance as specified above over multiple games.
2. Parents should request a meeting with the coach via manager to discuss. Please make use of the 24 hour rule.
3. Parent should escalate to WCMHA Hockey Operations
4. President/Director of Hockey Operations/R&S Executive member assigns Fair Play Support team to investigate and resolve issue

Notes

- Director of Hockey Operations and President must be informed when a coach uses any variant for any reason (within 24 hours).
- Coaches need to understand that Ice time is not only measured in Quantity, it is also measured in Quality...
- This document is a condition of employment for all coaching staff and MUST be followed.
- The Head Coach is ultimately responsible for all final Bench Management decisions and therefore is held accountable by the Association.

WCMHA Executive
Effective Sept 2022.

President

Natasha Danschinko

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